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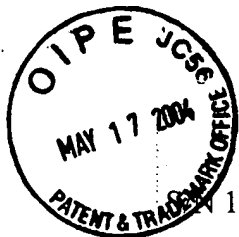
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided, as this application was filed after June 30, 2003.

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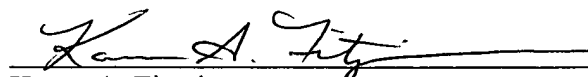
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,840,568	06/20/1989	Burroughs et al.			
	5,129,842	07/14/1992	Morgan et al.			
	5,199,878	04/06/1993	Dewey et al.			
	5,393,249	02/28/1995	Morgenstern et al.			
	5,467,062	11/14/1995	Burroughs			
	5,546,282	08/13/1996	Hill et al.			
	5,685,741	11/11/1997	Dewey et al.			
	6,116,961	09/12/2000	Henneberger et al.			
	6,589,062	07/08/2003	Ogren et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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